

GENERAL STUDIES, B.A.

Learn ways of thinking and practical skills that align with the competencies employers demand in the 21st century with the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies.

As part of this SLU interdisciplinary program, you'll explore the value of innovative reflection, inquiry and analysis, quantitative and financial literacy, leadership, ethical reasoning and civic engagement. You will also select a minor, certificate or liberal arts focus as part of your degree path. This additional feature allows you to deepen your expertise in one specialized area while enhancing your broad-based interpersonal and leadership skills. The B.A. in general studies culminates in an integrative capstone course.

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Faculty

As a student in the School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University, you'll learn from exceptional faculty who are leading experts in their fields. They bring real-world knowledge to the classroom and are dedicated to your professional success. Learn more about the SPS faculty (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/contact-us/faculty/>).

Careers

SLU's bachelor's degree in general studies equips students with versatile skills that are highly marketable in a rapidly changing work environment. The degree empowers students to thrive in a diverse range of industries, from financial services to health care to universities. The broad disciplinary training also allows students to pursue graduate work in several different fields of study.

A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for applying for a job or earning a promotion in many professional careers. A Bachelor of Arts in General Studies can help students fulfill that essential requirement. It demonstrates that students have the perseverance, thirst for knowledge and work ethic to complete a degree in several areas of academic inquiry.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Undergraduate Tuition	
Standard Tuition	\$660
Active Duty/Veteran (TA eligible or GI Bill); First Responders	\$300
BJC Partnership	\$340

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Cost of Attendance (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/cost-of-attendance.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer-current/tuition-summer-current.pdf>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. The School for Professional Studies offers numerous scholarships (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/becoming-a-student/tuition-scholarships-aid/>) and awards specifically for new students.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>).

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Active Military and Veterans and First Responders

Honorably discharged veterans, active-duty military members, reserve members and first responders qualify for a reduced tuition rate of \$300 per credit hour for any **undergraduate** program offered through the School for Professional Studies.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to identify the political and nonpolitical processes that make a difference in the civic life of our communities.
2. Graduates will be able to analyze ideas, data and events to reach informed conclusions.
3. Graduates will be able to explain how ethical perspectives apply in various social contexts.
4. Graduates will be able to write in different styles, genres and modalities.
5. Graduates will be able to integrate ideas and experiences across disciplines

Requirements

Admission Requirements

- Completed application
- High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
- Official transcript from the most recent institution attended

Upon admission, a new student must successfully complete a virtual meeting with their academic coach to be enrolled in first-term coursework.

The School for Professional Studies welcomes adult learners seeking an undergraduate education after life circumstances have interrupted their educational journeys. Adult life circumstances, for the purposes of admission, would include individuals with at least one of the following characteristics:

- Delayed enrollment in postsecondary education
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Works full-time (35 hours or more/week) while enrolled
- Is financially independent
- Has dependents other than a spouse
- Is a single parent
- Has other demands that make traditional education less feasible

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		32-35
Major Requirements		42
HUM 2100	Cultivating Intellectual Virtues for Lifelong Learning	
HUM 2150	How to Think Critically	
HUM 3300	Then and Now: Thinking Historically	
HUM 3400	Creative Thinking: Cultivating an Imaginative Mind	
HUM 3450	Interpreting Texts	
HUM 3500	Writing in a Digital Age	
HUM 4100	Engaging Difference in a Pluralistic World	
HUM 4200	Working for the Common Good	
PMGT 1010	Fundamentals of Project Management	
CIS 2300	Data-Driven Decision Making	
ORLD 1000	Foundations of Effective Leadership	
ORLD 2500	Financial Concepts	
ORLD 3300	Organizational Behavior and Team Effectiveness	
Capstone		
HUM 4800	General Studies Capstone	
<i>Student Selects a Minor, Certificate, or Liberal Arts Focus</i>		<i>18-24</i>
General Electives		17-26
Total Credits		120

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do

take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Fall 1		
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
Fall 2		
THEO 1605	The Big Questions in Theology	3
ENGL 1903	Writing, Rhetoric, and Research	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
Credits		13
Spring		
Spring 1		
PHIL 1705	The Big Questions in Philosophy (Spring 1)	3
ENGL 3885	Writing Personal Narratives	3
Spring 2		
ENGL 2026	Reading in a Distracted Age	3
HSCI 3510	Physiological Processes in the Human Body	3
Credits		12
Summer		
Summer 1		
CIS 2300	Data-Driven Decision Making	3
Summer 2		
CORE 3605	Social Sciences in Context	3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
Fall 1		
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
CORE 4005	Persons & Problems in the Contemporary World	2
CIS 2875	Principles of Data Analysis	3
Fall 2		
HUM 2100	Cultivating Intellectual Virtues for Lifelong Learning	3
General Elective		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
HUM 2150	How to Think Critically	3

General Elective		3
Spring 2		
HUM 3300	Then and Now: Thinking Historically	3
General Elective		3
Credits		12
Summer		
Summer 1		
General Elective		3
Summer 2		
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Year Three		
Fall		
Fall 1		
HUM 3400	Creative Thinking: Cultivating an Imaginative Mind	3
General Elective		3
Fall 2		
HUM 3450	Interpreting Texts	3
ORLD 1000	Foundations of Effective Leadership	3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
HUM 3500	Writing in a Digital Age	3
PMGT 1010	Fundamentals of Project Management	3
Spring 2		
ORLD 2500	Financial Concepts	3
Minor		3
Credits		12
Summer		
Summer 1		
General Elective		3
Summer 2		
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Year Four		
Fall		
Fall 1		
ORLD 3300	Organizational Behavior and Team Effectiveness	3
Minor		3
Fall 2		
HUM 4100	Engaging Difference in a Pluralistic World	3
Minor		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
HUM 4200	Working for the Common Good	3
Minor		3
Spring 2		
HUM 4800	General Studies Capstone	3

Minor	3
Credits	
	12
Summer	
Summer 1	
Minor	3
Summer 2	
General Elective	2
Credits	
	5
Total Credits	
	120

2+SLU

2+SLU programs provide a guided pathway for students transferring from a partner institution.

- General Studies, B.A. (Jeffco 2+SLU) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2pluslu/jeffco/general-studies/>)
- General Studies, B.A. (STLCC 2+SLU) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2pluslu/stlcc/general-studies/>)

Contact Us

Apply for Admission (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/becoming-a-student/>)

For additional admission questions, please call 314-977-2330 or email sps@slu.edu.